

In the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

~~Gripper~~ A gripper hook (1) for a ~~lockstitch~~ sewing machine. ~~The , wherein the sewing machine comprises~~ includes a ~~vertically mounted~~ needle (5) ~~for an upper thread~~, a stitch plate and ~~below the stitch plate a housing which houses~~ for the gripper hook. The gripper hook (1), ~~substantially formed into~~ includes an open cylinder and is rotatably mounted on a horizontal axis. ~~A , a bobbin basket (4) which is concentrically supported inside the gripper hook (1) and is designed as an open cylinder for receiving~~ receives a bobbin case. ~~The , the bobbin case housing houses a bobbin. The for an under thread and the needle, (5) in executing a stitch, is being brought down perpendicularly~~ perpendicular to the axis of the ~~rotary~~ gripper hook in front of the open part of the gripper hook (1) through an opening (11) in the wall of the bobbin basket (4) ~~so such~~ that a gripper hook tip catches the upper thread and leads the upper thread around the bobbin basket. ~~The (4), thereby forming a stitch by interaction with the under thread when the needle is brought back up , and wherein the gripper hook (1) has a cylindrical side wall (3), which that is at least wide enough for the side wall (3) to protect the bobbin basket (4) from being struck by the needle (5) in a situation in which the needle (5) is brought downwards when a force is pressing~~ when the needle tip of the needle is out of an alignment ~~in which it normally runs.~~